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AIRCREW TSUNAMI RESPONSE TRAINING EXERCISE HAWAII WING TSUNAMI WARNING MISSION

SITUATION - Hawaii Wing Aircrew Training Along Assigned Tsunami Warning Routes

MONTHLY EXERCISE DATE - Every third Sunday of the month

MISSION - Mission Number: TBA
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INCIDENT COMMANDER – Announced monthly, rotated through all available Wing IC's

STANDARD EXECUTION - All members are encouraged to use these monthly exercises to develop and maintain Operation Qualification SQTR task proficiency.

At 1400 the CAP Incident Commander (IC) will provide an opening brief and establish Air Ops Branch and Communications Unit Leaders. As in the actual situation, the CAP IC will direct the mission from any location within the State. The IC will be in a location able to access the Oahu CAP radio control frequency and available via cell phone and email. For the monthly training exercises, CAP representatives will not report to Civil Defense facilities, but will simulate exercise injects from their own island.

At 1500 Hawaii Wing aircraft will commence simulated Tsunami Warning along assigned routes in accordance with the Hawaii Wing Tsunami Evacuation Response Plan. Oahu based units will adjust routes to commence sorties outside the Honolulu Airport air traffic area. Aircrews will return to home bases, practice processing imagery, and secure aircraft on completion of tsunami warning route unless otherwise instructed by the IC.

BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS -

Flight Release – Flight releases will be accomplished by unit FROs or their designee after the exercise IC and Safety briefings. All aircrews will file FAA VFR flight plans.

Aircraft/Crew Pre-flight Procedures - During the pre-flight process the PIC shall confirm that the aircraft has all assigned equipment in good working order. Aircraft tsunami warning systems will be tested during the pre-flight inspection. A CAP camera with gps and extra battery pack will be included with the aircraft crew equipment. The PIC shall immediately notify their aircraft manager of any equipment problems and/or shortages.

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Aircrew Communications Procedures - The Air Operations Branches will use local repeater systems for command and control of warning aircraft. Aircrews are to monitor their local CAP control frequency and announce airport departure, aircraft position & altitude every 30 minutes, and landing. In the interest of flight safety, remind all ground support participants to remain clear of the local repeater frequencies when warning aircraft are airborne.

It is important to note, Cadets train alongside Senior Members in Emergency Services. All members are encouraged to advance their training in preparation of this very important mission. All members should take the GES 116 course at their earliest opportunity, begin with FEMA courses and accomplish tasks to become a Mission Staff Assistant, then pursue additional staff positions such as Radio Operator or other Mission Based Staff positions as able.

After Action Reports - The IC will prepare an AAR for the Wing Commander following the aircrew debrief and hotwash. All participants are encouraged to submit comments to improve the Tsunami Warning Mission procedures via email to the Hawaii Wing Commander.

Hawaii Wing Kuleana (Responsibility)

For over fifty years (50) the Hawaii Wing has been an integral part of the State of Hawaii Tsunami Warning System and historically provided aerial warnings along the shorelines, potentially saving the lives of thousands of residents and visitors. The Hawaii Wing provides a critical service to the State of Hawaii covering areas where there are no warning sirens, and where sirens are inoperative. There is no governmental agency that does this, and there is no back-up to the Hawaii Wing. Consequently, it is essential to maintain aircrew and support personnel to the currency level required to perform the Tsunami Warning Mission.


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